

Senator Abercrombie moved to reconsider the vote by which his resolution providing for a committee to visit schools was adopted by the Senate.

Adopted.

Senator Abercrombie offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend by adding the following: "Said committee is authorized to employ a clerk, who shall attend said committee in discharge of its duties and be under its control. Said clerk shall receive five dollars per day and actual expenses while so actually engaged. Expenses to be paid out of contingent fund."

Adopted.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

By leave,

Senator Upshaw sent up the following bill:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 3597 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas."

[This bill provides that when a convict who has been committed to jail in default of payment of fine and costs is required to do manual labor he shall be credited upon such fine and cost at the rate of twenty-five cents for each day he may labor, and upon satisfaction of same he shall be discharged.]

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Senate bill No. 21, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the better assessment of personal or movable property in the State of Texas, liable or subject to taxation under the laws of the State,"

The second special order was laid before the Senate, and

On motion of Senator Armistead

The Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Jan. 31, 1889. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Wheeler in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

On motion of Senator Kimbrough,

The reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Stevens:

Memorial from the citizens of Wilbarger county, relating to new judicial districts in the Panhandle.

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Senator Maetze:

Resolutions of Waller County Farmers' Alliance, requesting the passage of a railroad commission law.

Referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Claiborne:

Resolutions of the Farmers' Alliance of Clay county, requesting the passage of a railroad commission law.

Referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Upshaw:

Resolutions of Ellis County Farmers' Alliance, asking the Twenty-first Legislature to pass a railroad commission law.

Referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Senator Armistead, Mr. Henderson, the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms was excused to-day, on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Claiborne, Senator Ingram was excused for to-day, on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Upshaw, Senator Morris was excused for to-day, on account of important business.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By Senator Cranford:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 31, 1889.

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate joint resolution No. 12, being an act to authorize the Attorney-General to bring suit for the State for the violation of the State's copyright to the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals reports and to make an appropriation therefor.

And find the same correctly engrossed.

CRANFORD,
Chairman.

By Senator Lane:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 30, 1889.

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 92, entitled "An act to create the office of county road overseer of the public roads in the organized counties of this State, and to prescribe the duties and powers of such officer, and to affix a penalty for violating the same, and to provide for a salary for such officers,"

Have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following amendments, to-wit:

Amend section 1 by striking out in line 3 the words "be, the same is, hereby created," and insert in lieu thereof the words "may be created at any time by the commissioners' court at a regular session."

Amend section 2 by striking out in line 1 the word "shall" and insert in lieu thereof the word "may."

Amend section 2, line 7 by inserting after the word "State" the words "in which the office of county road overseer has been created under this act."

In section 2, line 3, after the word "effect," insert "or at any regular term of court thereafter."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LANE,
Chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 29, 1889.

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred

Senate bills Nos. 79 and 91,

Have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the accompanying committee substitute for Senate bills 79 and 91 do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LANE,
Chairman.

Bill read first time.

The caption of the committee substitute is as follows:

Substitute for Senate bills Nos. 79 and 91, a bill to be entitled "An act amendatory of and supplementary to

title LXXXVII, chapter 1, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, from article 4359 to 4390 inclusive, and the acts amendatory thereof passed at the called session of the Eighteenth Legislature, chapter XI, approved February 2d, 1884, and chapter XIII, approved February 5th, 1884, Chapter XXIX, approved February 7th, 1884, and acts of Nineteenth Legislature, page 92, chapter 202, approved March 31st, 1885, and to repeal all of chapter 2 of title LXXXVII pertaining to roads and bridges, and to authorize the commissioners' court to levy a tax and issue bonds to repair and improve the public roads of their respective counties, and to create a sinking fund to pay the same, and to authorize the commissioners' court to order elections to ascertain if any county or subdivision thereof are willing to be taxed to improve and keep in repair their public roads, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws not therein excepted, which are in conflict with this act."

By Senator Cranford:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 30, 1889.

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 184, being "An act to fix the times for holding court in the Twenty-seventh judicial district of the State of Texas and to provide for the issuance and return of process therein, and to repeal all laws in conflict with this act,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

CRANFORD,
Chairman.

By Senator Burney:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 30, 1889.

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 173, entitled "An act to amend section 4 of an act to establish and maintain a system of public free schools for the State of Texas, and to repeal so much of chapter 3, title 78, of the Revised Civil Statutes, as refer to public free schools outside of incorporated cities and towns assuming or having assumed control of their public free schools and all laws and parts

of laws in conflict with said act, passed by Senate January 30, 1884,"

Have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

This bill seeks to secure schools of a uniform length of time for all districts and communities.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BURNEY,
Chairman.

Bill read first time.

By Senator McDonald:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 30, 1889.

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate.

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 200, entitled "An act to amend article 3597 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas,"

Have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass with the accompanying amendment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MCDONALD,
Chairman.

Bill read first time with amendment as follows:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT.

Add section 2. WHEREAS, The interests of the State and of the different counties create an imperative public necessity for the suspension of the constitutional rule which requires that all bills be read on three several days, said rule is therefore suspended; and an emergency exists that this act should take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

By Senator Burges:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 30, 1889.

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred

Substitute Senate bill No. 25, entitled "An act to repeal chapter 8 and articles Nos. 3924, 3925, 3926, 3927, 3928, 3929, 3930, 3931, 3932, 3933, 3934, 3935, and 3936, of title 79, of the Revised Statutes of Texas,"

Have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it

back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

This bill seeks to repeal the law relating to pre-emptions and the stipulations provided for those who may apply for pre-emption.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BURGES,
Chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, January 30, 1889.

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 24, entitled "An act to extend the time within which lands that have been sold for taxes and bought in by the State may be redeemed,"

Have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BURGES,
Chairman.

Bill read first time.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Upshaw:

Resolved, That the chairman of Committee on Public Lands be authorized to appoint a clerk for said committee, whose employment shall continue as long as the business before said committee demands his services, said clerk to receive same pay as other committee clerks.

Senator Allen opposed the adoption of the resolution.

Senators Upshaw, McDonald, Burges and Jarvis favored it.

The resolution was adopted.

By Senator Woodward:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the payment of the bonds of the State of Texas that will become due and that are retirable in the years 1876 and 1877, and to make adequate provisions for the floating indebtedness of the State and to supply deficiencies in the revenue by the sale of the bonds of the State, and to make an appropriation to carry into effect the provisions of the same, approved July 6, 1876."

[This bill provides for the payment of outstanding (ten per cent) interest

treasury warrants issued for services rendered prior to the 28th day of January, 1861.]

Referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Lane:

A bill to be entitled "An act to punish persons in this State who wilfully, wrongfully and fraudulently avoid the payment of taxes on personal property subject to taxation by concealing the ownership of same from the proper tax assessor by removing the same out of the State for that purpose."

[This bill provides that when said property has been removed during the month of December for the purpose as above stated and the tax amounts to fifty or less than fifty dollars, on conviction said person shall be fined not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars, and may be in addition to such fine confined in the county jail not exceeding one year; and if such tax, had it been paid, amounted to more than fifty dollars, such person shall be confined in the penitentiary not exceeding two years.]

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Sims:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 2220, chapter 2, title 38, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto articles 2220a, 2220b, 2220c and 2220d, relating to notice of taking depositions in civil suits."

[This bill provides that when any party to a civil suit desires to take the depositions of a witness, and the adverse party in the suit is absent from the State or resides beyond the limits of the State, the party desiring the testimony must file in the suit a notice of his intention, with interrogatories attached, said notice to be served upon the adverse party fifteen days before the issuance of the commission; that such service may be made by any disinterested person competent to make oath of the fact; that service in such case shall be made by the person executing the same delivering to the party to whom the notice is given a true copy of such notice, together with a certified copy of the interrogatories; and that proper return thereof shall be made.]

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Stephens, by request:

A bill to be entitled "An act to validate the acts of incorporations and acts of certain cities and towns in Texas."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Stephens:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend an act to establish and maintain a system of public free schools for the State of Texas, by adding thereto article 43b, providing for abolishing the office of county superintendent of public instruction in any county in the State by order of the commissioners' court of such county."

[This bill provides as stated in the caption, and that when said office is abolished the superintendent shall turn over to the county judge all records, etc., and that the county judge fill said position.]

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Senator Harrison:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 13, 18 and 19 of an act entitled an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts and to create the Forty-fourth judicial district of the State of Texas, fix the time of holding courts therein; etc."

[This bill provides that McLennan county shall be a separate judicial district.]

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Pope:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend sections 2 and 6, chapter 131, of an act to provide for the appointment of receivers and to define their powers and duties, passed by the Twentieth Legislature."

[This bill provides that no party, attorney or any person interested in an action for the appointment of a receiver shall be appointed receiver therein, nor shall any person be so appointed unless he be a citizen of this State, and any corporation which shall have a receiver appointed who is not a resident of this State, it shall forfeit its charter, and that court costs and expenses of the receivership shall have a preference liens on moneys coming into the hands of a receiver, which are the earnings of the property in his hands, and more fully defining the duties of receivers, etc.]

Referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to be entitled "An act to require railroad companies to keep and maintain permanently their general offices within the State of Texas at certain places, and to keep books, accounts, etc., of the companies at said offices, and providing penalties for failing to comply therewith."

Referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Upshaw:

Resolution adopted by the commissioners' court of Hill county concerning a conflict in the statutes in reference to the amount to be allowed county convicts for work on the convict farm in public works, and suggesting proper legislation on the subject.

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Burney:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 15, chapter CXXXIII, of an act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes on lands and other property situated in the unorganized counties, and for the enforcement of the same, approved April 22, 1879."

[This bill provides that when the Comptroller, in accordance with the demand of the treasurer of the newly organized county, pays any amounts which may be due such county, he shall, in case any unorganized county is indebted to any county from which the same has been created, the Comptroller shall use so much of said funds as may be necessary to pay such debts.]

Referred to Committee on Finance.

The President announced that Senator Seale was relieved from the committee to visit the penitentiaries, and that Senator Atlee had been appointed in his stead.

Senator Armistead called up the motion entered by Senator Townsend to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to pass.

Senate bill No. 13, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 4, title XCV, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto article 4761a."

The vote was reconsidered.

The amendment offered yesterday by Senator Maetze, as amended by Senator Cranford, which was lost by a two-thirds vote, was declared adopted, as it was discovered the bill was on its second reading instead of its third reading, and the Journal of yesterday was ordered to be corrected. Journal corrected.

The bill as amended was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Burges,

The constitutional rule was suspended and the bill was placed on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

YEAS—25.

Abercrombie,	Kimbrough,
Allen,	Lane,
Armistead,	Maetze,
Burges,	McDonald,
Burney,	Pope,
Claiborne,	Seale,
Cranford,	Simkins,
Davis,	Sims,
Frank,	Stephens,
Glasscock,	Tyler,
Harrison,	Upshaw,
Jarvis,	Woodward.
Johnson,	

NAYS—None.

ABSENT—3.

Atlee,	Townsend.
Field,	

The bill was read the third time and Passed by the following vote:

YEAS—25

Abercrombie,	Kimbrough,
Allen,	Lane,
Armistead,	Maetze,
Burges,	McDonald,
Burney,	Pope,
Claiborne,	Seale,
Cranford,	Simkins,
Davis,	Sims,
Frank,	Stephens,
Glasscock,	Tyler,
Harrison,	Upshaw,
Jarvis,	Woodward.
Johnson,	

NAYS—None.

ABSENT—3.

Atlee,	Townsend.
Field,	

The President gave notice of signing, and did sign in open Senate, Substitute Senate bill No. 23, to be entitled "An act to make an appropriation for the house of correction and reformatory at Gatesville for the months of January and February."

Senator Davis sent up the following privilege report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,

AUSTIN, January 31, 1889.

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 23, being "An act making an appropriation for the support of the house of correction and reformatory, at Gatesville, for the

months of January and February, 1889."

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:50 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his signature.

DAVIS,
Chairman.

The following message was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AUSTIN, January 31, 1889.

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has passed House bill No. 3, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 4759, chapter 4, title 95, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto a new article, to be styled article 4759d,"

Under a suspension of the constitutional rule and by a two-third vote.

Yeas, 81; nays, none.

W. M. IMBODEN,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

The President referred the bill just reported from the House to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Senate bill No. 21, a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the better assessment of personal or movable property in the State of Texas, liable or subject to taxation under the laws of the State," was taken up as unfinished business, with pending amendments, as follows:

By Senator Allen:

To add to section 1 the following: "The assessor shall furnish each taxpayer a blank inventory to be filled, and to which he makes oath."

By Senator Atlee:

To amend the amendment by inserting after the word "ink," the following: "On blanks to be furnished by the Comptroller of the State." And

By Senator Woodward:

To amend by striking out in line 14 all of said line from the word "inventory" down to the second word "and," which occurs the second time in line 16.

Senator Atlee's amendment to the amendment was adopted, and

Senator Allen's amendment as amended was adopted.

Senator Woodward's amendment was lost.

Senator Sims offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding in section 3, page 2, line 4, after the word furnished, so as to read as follows: "the tax assessor

of the county; he shall carefully examine the same, and if the inventory is not in due form he shall have the party to properly correct the same, or correct the same himself, so as to conform with the provisions of this act."

Adopted.

Senator Claiborne moved to add

Section 8. The evils designed to be remedied by this act are of such a character as to create an emergency and an imperative public necessity for this act to take effect and be in force from its passage, and the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and it is so enacted.

Adopted.

Senator Stephens moved to

Amend by adding to section 4 the words "provided, that if any person shall falsely swear to any such inventory and assessment of taxes, he shall be deemed guilty of perjury under the laws of the State."

Adopted.

The bill was ordered engrossed by the following vote:

YEAS—14.

Armistead,	Kimbrough,
Atlee,	Lane,
Burges,	McDonald,
Burney,	Sims,
Claiborne,	Stephens,
Cranford,	Tyler,
Frank,	Woodward.

NAYS—11.

Allen,	Maetze,
Davis,	Pope,
Glasscock,	Seale,
Harrison,	Simkins,
Jarvis,	Upshaw.
Johnson,	

ABSENT—2.

Field,	Townsend.
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Senator Abercrombie asked to be excused from voting, because of his absence during the consideration of the bill, and,

On motion of Senator Burges,
He was excused as requested.

Senate bill No. 137, a bill to be entitled "An act to relieve commercial travelers, or drummers, from the payment of any occupation tax,"

Being the special order, was laid before the Senate and read the second time, with a favorable committee report.

Senator Stephens moved to amend section 1 by adding the words "and

attorneys at law," after the word "drummer."

Adopted.

On motion of Senator Frank,

The vote just taken was reconsidered by the following vote:

YEAS—22.

Abercrombie,	Jarvis,
Allen,	Johnson,
Atlee,	Kimbrough,
Burges,	Lane,
Burney,	Maetze,
Claiborne,	McDonald,
Cranford,	Seale,
Davis,	Simkins,
Frank,	Sims,
Glasscock,	Tyler,
Harrison,	Woodward.

NAYS—4.

Armistead,	Stephens,
Pope,	Upshaw.

ABSENT—1.

Townsend.

Senator Stephens then withdrew his amendment:

Senator Lane moved to amend by adding to section 1: "And all persons who have formed a museum, consisting mainly of the products of Texas, may exhibit the same and charge a fee, and shall not be taxed therefor by the State or any county or city therein," and amend the caption to conform to this amendment.

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—18.

Abercrombie,	Lane,
Armistead,	Maetze,
Atlee,	Pope,
Burges,	Seale,
Burney,	Simkins,
Claiborne,	Sims,
Frank,	Stephens,
Glasscock,	Tyler,
Kimbrough,	Woodward.

NAYS—8.

Allen,	Jarvis,
Cranford,	Johnson,
Davis,	McDonald,
Harrison,	Upshaw.

ABSENT—2.

Field,	Townsend.
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The bill as amended was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Claiborne,

The constitutional rule was suspended, and

The bill was placed on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

YEAS—26.

Abercrombie,	Johnson,
Allen,	Kimbrough,
Armistead,	Lane,
Atlee,	Maetze,
Burges,	McDonald,
Burney,	Pope,
Claiborne,	Seale,
Cranford,	Simkins,
Davis,	Sims,
Frank,	Stephens,
Glasscock,	Tyler,
Harrison,	Upshaw,
Jarvis,	Woodward.

NAYS—None.

ABSENT—1.

Field,	Townsend.
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The bill was read the third time and

Passed by the following vote:

YEAS—22.

Abercrombie,	Jarvis,
Armistead,	Kimbrough,
Atlee,	Lane,
Burges,	Maetze,
Burney,	McDonald,
Claiborne,	Seale,
Cranford,	Sims,
Davis,	Stephens,
Frank,	Tyler,
Glasscock,	Upshaw,
Harrison,	Woodward.

NAYS—4.

Allen,	Pope,
Johnson,	Simkins.

ABSENT—2.

Field,	Townsend.
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Senator Armistead offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a joint committee of two from the Senate and three from the House be appointed to visit the North Texas Insane Hospital at Terrell, and to examine and report the condition of same, and to make such recommendations as they may deem best for that institution, and that the actual expenses of the trip be paid out of the contingent fund in each house.

Adopted.

Senate bill No. 82, a bill to be entitled "An act to prevent unlawful combinations in restraint of commerce and trade, to insure free competition in all branches thereof throughout the State of Texas, to define said offense

and punish persons violating the same,"

Being the special order for to-day, was laid before the Senate and

Read the second time with a favorable committee report.

On motion of Senator Pope,

The further consideration of the bill was postponed till to-morrow, after morning call.

Senate bill No. 11, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1192 of the Revised Civil Statutes,"

Was taken up,

Read the third time and passed.

Senator Tyler entered a motion to reconsider the vote just taken.

Senate bill No. 20, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 28 of an act entitled an act to establish and maintain a system of public free schools for the State of Texas,"

Was taken up,

Read third time, and passed.

Senate bill No. 31, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize the Governor, when in his judgment the circumstances surrounding each case may warrant him so doing, to restore to full citizenship, with the right of suffrage, any person who may have been convicted of a felony, and who may have served out his term in the penitentiary or have been pardoned,"

Was taken up,

Read the third time, and passed.

Senate bill No. 32, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend chapter 4, title XCIII, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto another article, to be known as article 4610a, relating to the mode of preventing certain animals from running at large in counties and subdivisions,"

Was taken up,

Read the third time and passed.

Senate bill No. 43, a bill to be entitled "An act to purchase State convict farms and improve the same and work convicts thereon, and to make an appropriation therefor,"

Was laid before the Senate, and

On motion of Senator Frank,

Was made the special order for Saturday, after morning call.

Senate bill No. 132, a bill to be entitled "An act to define the liability of corporations in cases of personal injuries to employes,"

Was taken up,

Read the third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Woodward,

The Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER.

AUSTIN, February 1, 1889.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Wheeler in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Dodge.

On motion of Senator Woodward,

The reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

On motion of Senator Upshaw,

Senator Burges was excused from to-day until next Monday, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Armistead,

Senator McDonald was excused indefinitely, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Frank,

Senator Field was excused from yesterday until Monday, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Tyler,

Senator Sims was excused indefinitely, on account of important business.

The President appointed

Senators Burney, Armistead and Maetze, on the part of the Senate, on the committee to visit the schools.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Lane:

A petition asking the repeal of the occupation tax for the privilege of engaging in any honorable business not injurious to the body politic.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Jarvis:

Petition of citizens of Wise county relative to occupation tax.

The petition asks for the repeal of the occupation tax on all honorable vocations.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By Senator Cranford:

COMMITTEE ROOM,

AUSTIN, January 31, 1889.

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 190, entitled "An act to prevent corporations incorporated under the laws of this State or other States, or of the United States, and